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PROPAGANDA ----- BEWARE :

Racial and religious hatred are being fed and fanned anew with the flames of subtle propaganda. Hypocrisy is again on the march. Men who decry Hitler as a scourge of civilization and a threat to religion, hold out the dirty hand of compromise to a Stalin, that dark, sinister, blood-dyed bear who pollutes even the foul atmosphere of the Kremlin.

Millions of Americans were pitifully duped on the eve of the last great war. One prominent English propagandist had the effrontery recently to suggest the United States join a federal Union made up of Britain, the Dominions, and Russia. Strange bed-fellows they would make! Not hesitating to stoop the lowest level of machination, the propagandists would even hide their strong smelling wares under the cloak of religion. Let Americans beware. Our real safeguards rest on the foundations of religious, social and economic unity. That very unity the propagandist would destroy to serve his own ends.

We cannot approve of the depredations of Hitler, the atheistic philosophy of a Stalin, nor of the past economic royalism of the English. Our best course is to throw all the resources we have in building a strong America, in cultivating and strengthening the bond of friendship and good-will with our sister American Republics. Our course for the future must not be traced in Europe, or England, but in the Americas.

WE CALL IT EDUCATION :

There seems to be solid reason for much of the adverse criticism that has been directed against the American system of education. Our credit system turns out graduates like standardized products rolling off the assembly line. There has been little play for originality, depth, or academic excellence. Almost continuous vacation from mental discipline climaxed with last minute cram-sessions before periodic exams, is typical of the modern trend.

The process of sound education demands regularity of habits, moral, and mental discipline. Without this regularity, without this sane discipline, education becomes a mere fad colored with a pretense of learning. Thousands of young Americans are being educated against their will, rather being submitted to the educational process we offer. Wasting most of a semester, and then making a final, daring rush for a few credits is not education.

IF I AM A CATHOLIC -- MONSIGNOR FULTON SHEEN :

If my conduct is not distinguishable from the wordly, then I am failing as a Catholic: "I have chosen you out of the world" (Jn. 15/ 19.). "And they that are Christ's, have crucified their flesh, with the vices and concupiscences" (Gall. 5/24).

I can know and follow in my personal and social life the teachings of the Church regarding the rights and duties of employers, workers, and citizens; I can recognize that though the Kingdom of God is not of this world, it is for this world. Therefore I must take my part in society as a Catholic, for I do not save my soul alone, but in conjunction with my fellowmen. "For I tell you, that unless your justice abound more than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mt. 5/ 20).

PRAYERS REQUESTED :

For the repose of the soul of Grandfather of Bernard Diekhoff, C.P.P.S.
For the Sister of Father Pire.
A very special intention.

WORLD NEWS DIGEST
(A new Weekly Feature)

YOUNGSTOWN, O. The Catholic Universe Bulletin, Cleveland Diocesan paper, reports this week that 1600 copies of some forty seditious publications were swept from the Youngstown news stands in a series of clean-up raids.

HARTFORD, CONN. For the first time in its long history, Connecticut has a Catholic governor. He has just taken office for a two year term.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
16,000 copies of a booklet written by Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, are being distributed weekly by the National Council of Catholic Men, a report of the N.C.C.W. stated here. The booklet, entitled "What Can I Do?" is being sent without charge to all Catholic Hour listeners who request it.

NEW YORK, N.Y. A Catholic football conference, the first of its kind in the history of football, will probably make its debut in the East next fall. Eight teams are reported ready to form the Eastern Catholic Football Conference. The teams are Scranton, St. Anselm's, Providence, St. Vincent, St. Francis, Niagara, Canisius, and St. Bonaventure.

Washington, D.C. Jan. 20.
At the ceremonies inducting Franklin D. Roosevelt for his record breaking third term, the benediction was pronounced by the Rt. Rev. Michael, J. Ready, general secretary of the N.C.W.C. He prayed the the President would be given courage and wisdom and be "inspired to persevere in promoting justice and hating iniquity."